



VILLAGE NEWS

WEST END

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS IN WEST END

Over the past year a number of properties in and around West End have been sold and we would all like to 'welcome' all new residents to West End.

We hope you enjoy living in our very friendly and unique community and would encourage you to participate in many of the local events held in the Village.

The Village pond, green and woodlands are at the heart of our hamlet for all to enjoy.

The Village News team will be delighted to hear from you with news and photographs for our quarterly publication. The Autumn edition will be published in September. Contact details on page 7.



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WEST END VILLAGE SHOW—See Genny Assersohn's report on page 4



WEST END OPEN GARDENS

Above left: Anne Hunt (centre front) and her team organised a fabulous 'Open Gardens' day in June. The team worked extremely hard and deserve a huge 'thank you'. The sum of £4,284 was raised for the Princess Alice Hospice. Anne's letter and more photographs can be found on page 5. Photos: top right: Magpie Cottage, below left: A magnificent view from The Mount, and right: beautiful borders and treehouse at Rosebriars. The Stable Artists Open Studios were also a great success—see page 6.





W.E.R.A

This year's Village Show will be held on the green on the 26th August 2017

This year we will be combining the book stall with a second hand jewellery stall/scarf stall any donations would be gratefully received!

Please contact either
Susannah Bramley (460739) or
Doug Fryer (463277)
to arrange delivery.

Susannah Bramley, Chairman
West End Residents' Association

BOWL FOR THE PIG

If anyone would like to run the 'Bowl for the Pig' stall at the Village Show on 26 August, please contact Angela Stockbridge Tel: 07817 498531 email: angelastockbridge1115@gmail.com Equipment supplied.

WINTERDOWN WI

June 2017 was the Forty-sixth Anniversary of the founding of Winterdown WI. Traditionally the June meeting is a social occasion and the theme this year was a seasonal 'Strawberry Competition'. Members were tasked with bringing anything to do with strawberries. Some of the categories chosen were: Art, Craft, baked, brewed or grown. In addition as it was Derby Day the following Saturday everyone was asked to dress up or wear a hat or fascinator. Members entered into the spirit of things and produced a wonderful array of delicious things to eat and drink, artwork and table decorations.

Winterdown's Committee work very hard to find interesting things to see and do. This year they organised a visit to Ramster gardens (near Chiddingfold) to see an Embroidery exhibition. This proved to be very interesting and everyone marvelled at the skill in producing some of the exhibits.



Left: Members enjoying some of the 'strawberry exhibits' Photo:

We were very interested to try one of the organised London Walks. So on the 21st April ten

members set off to London. The arrangement was to meet at Waterloo for the onward journey to meet our guide for the day. Our travel plan was organised down to the last minute! What we hadn't planned for was to be delayed by 'someone on the line'! As a result six of us missed the guided tour but, as we had finally managed to make it to Waterloo we decided to go for a walk on our own. We began at Monument which was where the guided journey commenced.



Ramster garden in May 2017. Photo: Caroline Thyer

We visited St Brides Church in Fleet Street designed by Christopher Wren in 1672 and known as the 'Journalists' Church. There we listened to a Flute recital and visited the crypt which was discovered after the Blitz, where skeletons had been sealed up since the cholera epidemic of 1854. There was also evidence of part of a Roman pavement. We had a picnic lunch in the Temple gardens and wandered around the grounds of the Inns of Court and ended the day at the Royal Festival Hall where we had a very welcome cup of tea before our **uneventful** journey home. We had managed to salvage the day in a most enjoyable way.

On a beautiful day in June we set off in the Elmbridge Community bus to visit

The Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral celebrating Corpus Christi. Photo by Caroline Thyer



Arundel to see the 'Carpet of Flowers' at the Cathedral.

This is a celebration of Corpus Christi held every year in the Cathedral. Henry XV Duke of Norfolk, founder of the Cathedral, having seen the carpet of flowers in the village of Sutri outside Rome, introduced the custom to Arundel in 1877. In the ancient world it was the custom to strew flowers in the path of important persons as a sign of respect.

We were joined on the bus by Lucy who had been working in the Council offices. Our very kind driver thought it would be a nice change from filing and putting paper in envelopes. We were delighted that she chose to remain with us rather than walk around on her own - our youngest honorary member. We continue to have some very interesting speakers and recently enjoyed a talk about Claremont given by Pamela Rider.

Coming up:

August 3rd, Guildford Cathedral by Janet Matthews (To be held in St Georges Church, West End) September 7th; In the footsteps of the shoguns by Mr C Goostrey All talks commence at 8pm

Report: Caroline Thyer

Winterdown WI meet on the first Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in West End Village Hall. Visitors are always very welcome. Contact: Secretary, Ann Tennant on 01372 466725

!STOP PRESS! CHESTNUT TREE CRASHES TO GROUND BY PRINCE OF WALES



Photo: Wendy Pendry

A large part of the Chestnut tree in the centre of the seat next to the Prince of Wales crashed to the ground during the night of 12th July just missing the building! Thank goodness no one was hurt.

WEST END BRIDGE CLUB

Watch out for the Yo-Yo Hand!

When you pick up a really poor hand, it's easy to tune yourself out of the bidding altogether. But hands can go up or down in value, according to the bidding.

I picked up a hand the other day and it had four points. My partner opened with a club, my right-hand opponent said 'One Diamond', I said 'No Bid', my left-hand opponent said 'Two Diamonds' and my partner said 'Three Clubs'.

It was at this point that I woke up and realised that I not only held five clubs to the Queen, Jack, but also had a void in Diamonds, the suit our opponents were bidding. If we could play the contract in Clubs, we would be playing with what Andrew Robson calls a thirty-point pack, i.e. the opponents' diamonds wouldn't score at all. My hand had radically improved from a no-hoper to a game-getter. In fact, we reached 5 Clubs, which my partner succeeded in making, with the aid of the Opening Lead of the Ace of Diamonds.,

Of course, you often have to devalue your hand. Say you pick up—

	K,J, x,x,x
	Q,J,
	A,x,x,
	K,10,x

On the face of it, fourteen good points and true. But let's say the opponent on your left has been bidding Spades and Clubs. So your two black Kings are sitting 'under' him or her, and are finessable. Then you have to discount that doubleton Queen, Jack of Hearts, which may be mopped up by the opponents' Ace, King. Like they say in the financial ads, remember the value of your hand can go up and down. Like a yo-yo.

On the 9th May, West End Bridge Club held a highly successful Bridge Drive including a delicious tea produced by the committee and some of the members. The overall winner was Mrs Pat Tindell, who was presented with a beautiful Stephanotis plant. The Drive raised £600 to be donated to the Brigitte Trust, an independent local charity founded by Dorking resident Mrs Brigitte Watkin.

West End Bridge Club meets every Tuesday at 1.30pm at the Village Hall. Come and give us a try-out for free. We'll provide a partner for you if need be. Ring Kay Moulton on 01372 464775 for more details.

Clive Craigmile.

FILMING "COLLATERAL"



The Movie Makers moved into West End once again causing some excitement when filming "Collateral", a thriller for BBC 2, starring Billie Piper, John Simm and Carey Mulligan. The film is about a complex investigation into the shooting of a Pizza delivery man!! The filming took place over a week in June and there was lots of action around Neville Close and West End Lane from early am to midnight. Movie Maker trucks were parked in Hawkshill Way. The actors were seen jumping over fences late at night with bright arc lights shining overhead, but were unfortunately otherwise rather elusive!

Photos: Nik Wilkinson and Angela Stockbridge

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- ◆ **A SIMILAR ON-LINE SCAM ABOUT AUCTIONING PETS IS ALSO CAUSING A GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN.**
- ◆ **THERE WAS RECENTLY A BURGLARY IN WEST END GARDENS. KEEP YOUR DOORS, WINDOWS, AND GARAGES SECURELY LOCKED.**



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The English Farthing

This rarely seen delightful little Wren once adorned the bronze English farthing coin. For younger readers, a farthing was worth 1/4d (quarter of an old penny) before decimalisation was introduced in 1971. *Article: Angela Stockbridge. Photo: Don Tyzack*

VILLAGE NEWS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Village News team would like to thank the Winterdown WI Committee for its generous donation to the Village News.

The team very much appreciates donations towards the cost of the printing of the newsletter. It is through the generosity of local individuals and societies that we are able to continue to bring news to West End's rather special community.

EGYPTIAN GEESE WEST END POND

The colourful pair of Egyptian Geese were seen strutting around the pond with their four adorable goslings. Sadly, one gosling did not survive, but the other three are flourishing under the watchful eyes of their proud parents.

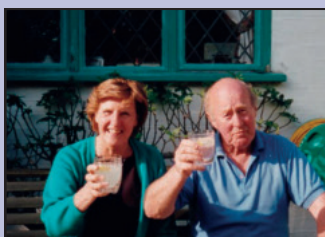
Photo: Katie Fernandes



IN MEMORIAM

A Memorial Service was held at Randalls Park to celebrate the life of

ANN PATRICIA HEWETT
February 1936—May 2017



It is with great sadness that we learned of 'Pat' Hewett's recent passing after a long struggle with cancer. Pat previously lived in Whitewalls in Courtlands Avenue with her late husband, Rodney, until she moved to Cobham following his death.

Both Pat and Rodney were regulars at the Village Club and were great supporters of village life. Pat was an excellent Quizmeister for several years. She was well known in the dog walking fraternity and made many friends.

Pat was very popular, she was elegant and had a kind, thoughtful and generous personality. She never complained throughout her terrible suffering and was loved by all her family and friends.

Pat will be missed enormously.



WEST END CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We would like to produce a West End Christmas Card and invite local artists to submit a painting of a village scene in a medium of his/her choice. If you think this is a good idea and if anyone is willing to assist with the sponsoring of this, we would like to hear from you. Once costs have been met, all sale proceeds will go to the St. George's Church Bell and/or a charity of your choice. We would like to hear your views.

If anyone is interested, please contact
Angela Stockbridge—angelastockbridge1115@gmail.com

WEST END VILLAGE SHOW SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2017

The annual West End Show has been entertaining villagers and visitors alike for over 60 years and after a beautifully sunny and highly successful Show last year, the 2017 event is set to be bigger and better than ever. The organising committee is hugely grateful to West End's residents for making the show possible through your generous subscriptions, and you may have noticed that this year we've rebranded as the 'Village' show (having previously been known as the West End Flower Show or Summer Show) to reflect the show's identity as a local, community event. So make sure you get the most out of the day by getting involved in all the Show has to offer.

Come along and enjoy the fun, from 12.30pm to: Pat a pony, smash a plate, eat a scone, ride a teacup, dunk a damsel, watch a dog show, win a raffle prize, buy some art or crafts, see classic cars, listen to live entertainment, and much more. All this without having to get in the car or leave the village... what's not to like? And if you subscribed, don't forget to bring your membership card for free family entry to the marquee, which opens at 1.45pm.

And why not enter a competition? We know West End's got talent, so don't be shy! Covering everything from marrows to marmalade, chrysanthemums to coconut cake and pottery to portrait photography, we've got the perfect category to showcase your talents.

And if things haven't gone entirely to plan in the garden this year, don't worry, perhaps the 'oddest shaped fruit or vegetable' category is the one for you? It's not just for grownups either, there are tons of kids' cookery and craft categories, plus children's sports events and the Dog Show for your four-legged friends.

See the programme for details and entry forms, available at Garsons or to download at the new and improved website, westendflowershow.co.uk. And remember to enter by Tuesday 22nd August (you can enter the sports events and Dog Show on the day).

You could even make a day of it and invite friends and family over for a BBQ before heading to the show together. You can help us publicise the show by telling people about it, and following and sharing our content on Facebook ([Facebook.com/westendvillageshow](https://www.facebook.com/westendvillageshow)) or Twitter (@Wendvillageshow). Don't forget to share your own photos from the day with us on social media too! #WEVShow

However you choose to take part, we look forward to seeing you there. Fingers crossed for another sunny one! www.westendflowershow.co.uk
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WEST END OPEN GARDENS DAY

Dear Friends, volunteers and villagers,
Thank you to everyone.

By now most of the village must know that on the 4th of June we ran an Open Gardens event to raise funds for The Princess Alice Hospice.

Not only do we need to thank our hardworking voluntary gardeners who spent hours and hours before the date preparing their gardens for viewing, or all our volunteers who worked so hard, before the date and on the date to get it all ready by 2.00 o'clock on the 4th, we would also like to thank the villagers themselves for their patience and understanding as they were faced with a deluge of keen garden viewers all peering at maps as they wandered all over the village to find the next garden they were so avidly seeking and obviously really enjoying themselves.

The one area that gave me such pleasure was when I saw quite a few friends who had obviously not seen each other for many years - so pleased to see each other again. So many happy smiling faces. Many I am sure will be back in touch with each other to continue what was a lost friendship. It was a real joy to see. West End is a lovely village but we don't seem to do much for the community where we can all enjoy meeting friends and neighbours, new and old. Any offers from anyone? Christmas is coming!!

If the traffic caused anyone any problems we would like to apologise and say as successful as we wanted the event to be we had no idea just how many people would eventually turn up. We were guessing perhaps 150, maybe 200 visitors, but even that figure was wishful thinking, we really had no idea what the end figure would be. We think we had nearly 300 visitors!! And we are pleased, and proud, to let everyone know we raised over £4,284.

So well done to everyone involved and another sincere thank you to you all.

Anne Hunt

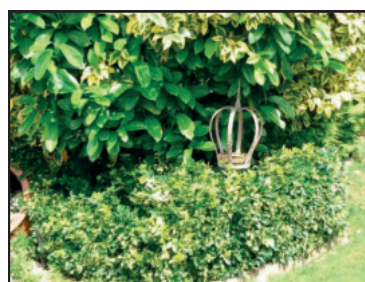


Photos: Angela Stockbridge

WEST END OPEN GARDENS DAY



Budding local journalist, Rowena Grace MacCormack (above), aged 9, sent in the following report and photographs:



On a recent not-so-glorious Sunday morning we packed our bags and hit the road in our most floral dresses to offer our support for The Princess Alice Hospice West End's Open Gardens. After helping set up our botanical hat stall I went to explore the beauty that lay ahead... and lo and behold I was hit by the literary bug!

There were many stands offering donations of goods and floral fascinations: From our own hand-crafted quirky headwear to mouth-watering cakes of all shapes and sizes, beautifully hand-painted Indian-inspired garden goodies, antiques, flowers, and all topped off with the most perfect cup of tea!

But the best is yet to come...

I felt like I was Alice and had fallen straight into the rabbit hole... enticed by the most splendid of West End's gardens! Shadowy, mysterious, secret gardens invited me in; unusual art exhibits and statues got my creativity flowing, and of course there was the vast clear blue shimmer of the swimming pool - which by now the weather had surprised us and I was ready to jump right in! I don't often write as am only 9 years old, but I wanted to sit and observe all the beauty and write my own recollection of it to recall from time to time, before the next Open Gardens treat! I would definitely recommend coming along next time, and make sure you spare yourself lots of time to truly explore each and every nook and cranny, to discover all of West End's magic!

Beautifully penned, Rowena, thank you!



Above Left: Princess Alice Hospice volunteers Fiona Neal and Gitta Dunkley on duty. Also on hand to help on the day were Wendy Mulvagh and Sylvia Catt-Camfield.

Left: A very pretty Woodland garden in Courtlands.

Right: A beautifully landscaped garden in Claremont





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STABLE ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS



Rosalind Moysen together with other local artists put on a very colourful and superb display of sculptures, wood-work, metal work, paintings and photography amongst other works at Rose Cottage. Rose Cottage garden also complemented the Open Gardens Day. Thank you to Rosalind and her team. *Photo: Angela Stockbridge*

MUSIC IN THE GROTTTO



Pupils from the Yehudi Menuhin School gave their annual concert in the 'Grotto' at Painshill Park recently and despite the very inclement weather, many local residents turned out to enjoy their music. The evening ended with a medley of Irish folk music. Each year the Menuhin Hall generously contributes to the Village Show Raffle prizes and the lucky winners have an opportunity to hear the talented pupils play at a Showcase Concert in the Menuhin Hall at the School. *Photo: Angela Stockbridge*

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH WEST END



Spring at St George's started with our Mothering Sunday service which was, as usual, very well attended. All the ladies (mothers or not!) received a small posy of daffodils, distributed by the children.

Our preparation for Easter began with an evening Maundy Thursday Eucharist service. It was a special occasion as the choir joined us and their presence certainly enhanced our singing. As usual on Good Friday, two of our wonderful mums, and a good number of children, talked through the Easter Story and then created the Easter Garden that would be displayed on Easter Sunday. There are always two occasions in the Church Year where there are no flowers displayed – Advent (before Christmas) and Lent (before Easter). Six weeks is a long time without flowers in the church, so it's always delightful to see such lovely displays to greet us on Easter morning, when we welcomed over 70 people. It was timely, as we had just ditched our extra few rickety fold-up chairs and replaced them with 25 new tasteful lightweight folding chairs, so we can now comfortably seat 100. This coincided with the ceremonial breaking-up of our ancient sideboard on which we have been making tea and coffee. Thanks to the generous gift from the collection at the funeral of one of our longest serving members of the congregation (Julian Molteno), his wife Mair purchased a beautiful new sideboard that was delivered just after Easter.

St George's supported Christ Church on 20th May (the Esher May Fair) serving teas, coffees and cakes in the Church, giving visitors an opportunity to look around, listen to the musical entertainment and have a chance to try bellringing in the tower. This raised over £900 which was split equally between the Church and Christian Aid.

For the more observant of you – you have hopefully noticed our splendid newly tiled porch. Our grateful thanks go to Mike Bacon of West End, who generously supplied the materials and arranged for the work to be completed. It really has made a huge difference to the appearance of our entrance, so do stop and admire it. While you are there, go in and have a look at our immaculate garden, which is maintained by members of our congregation. You may have spotted them working there – they do a great job.

As usual, St George's will be open to all on Bank Holiday Saturday (26th August) the day of the West End Flower Show. It's amazing how many people take the opportunity to come in and have a look around – and as always, we will have a raffle and our home-made bread and cake stall. The ladies of Christ Church will also be serving delicious cream teas and refreshments in the village hall all afternoon.

Our final event of this season will be our famously popular **Pet Service on Sunday 17th September at 4pm**. We have arranged for the local charity Katz Castle (based in Cobham) to come and give us a short talk on their work with rescued cats and kittens. What a purrfect event for your pet! Do come and join us, with or without your pet it really is a special occasion. We have welcomed a few new faces – some of whom have just recently moved into the village. If you are either new to the village, or have lived here for some time and wondered about joining us – we can assure you of a warm welcome. Lovely hymns and music, friendly faces and coffee/tea and biscuits after the service. 9am every Sunday (except the 5th Sunday of the month). We look forward to seeing you. *For more information about all our services please do visit our website: <http://www.esherparish.org.uk> where you can find everything you might want to know about the Parish of Esher including Music on The Green. We put topical notices and a monthly events calendar on the fence outside the church – so please do stop and look to see what's going on as you pass by. In the meantime, if any of you, or someone you know, would appreciate a home visit or would like to receive home communion, please contact the Parish Office on 01372 462282 or Peter Lindow on 01372 462041. Finally – thank you as always for your continued support and have a happy and sunny summer.*

Andrea Lindow and Bridget Williams



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BUTTONS AND BOW 'THE BUSY Bs' CLUB

As we enter our 12th year as a very successful club, we are looking forward to yet still more outings, holidays and activities. The trips to Eastbourne, Worthing and Ramster Gardens were blessed with glorious sunshine.

We are now looking forward to Sheffield Park and a trip on the Bluebell Line enjoying a ploughman's lunch while taking in the scenery as we travel along. A visit to Saville Gardens will be followed by a two hour river cruise to enjoy a cream tea on board.

Members are looking forward to a tour of the Princess Diana Exhibition at Kensington Palace and a stroll around the gardens. The holiday break will be at a Warners Hotel.

The Club's chosen charity this year is 'Air Ambulance' having had a very interesting talk on their wonderful work. **A fundraiser will be held on Saturday 30th September from 9-1pm in the Village Hall. All proceeds will go to the Air Ambulance Service.**

With so much going on at Buttons and Bow, why not pop in for a cuppa on a Monday afternoon between 2.00pm and 4.30pm in the Village Club where you will find company and friendship.

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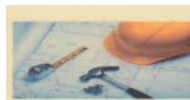
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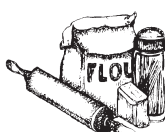
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